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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I'm a homeowner and small business owner writing to support broadband competition. Our local company, Sonic.net, has provided superior service, more available customer support and lower prices than AT&T. It's imperative that our internet service stays competitive and not a monopoly. We cannot afford to have the prices of our services hijacked by AT&T, and prefer fiber optics.

AT&T and their trade association, USTelecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. These unbundled elements are critical last-mile copper and inter-city backhaul; the very technology that allowed Sonic to grow, expand fiber deployment, backhaul those deployments, and compete. Without access to this infrastructure, Sonic is at risk of losing access to a huge portion of its customer base, leading to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options for consumers.

**PLEASE DO NOT LET AT&T TAKE AWAY ACCESS TO UNBUNDLED NETWORK
ELEMENTS!**

Thank you!

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